Introduced by Senator Ducheny

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 11250 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to CalWORKs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 876, as introduced, Ducheny. CalWORKs.

Existing law provides for the CalWORKs program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low–income families and individuals.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions relating to the CalWORKs program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11250 of the Welfare and Institutions
- Code is amended to read:
 11250. Aid, services, or both shall be granted under the
- 4 provisions of this chapter, and subject to the regulations of the department, to families with related children under the age of 18
- 6 years, except as provided in Section 11253, in need thereof
- because they have been deprived of parental support or care due to *any of the following*:
- 9 (a) The death, physical or mental incapacity, or incarceration 10 of a parent.
 - (b) The unemployment of a parent or parents.

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- 12 (c) Continued absence of a parent from the home due to
- 13 divorce, separation, desertion, or any other reason, except

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1 absence occasioned solely by reason of the performance of active

- 2 duty in the uniformed services of the United States. "Continued
- 3 absence" exists when the nature of the absence is such as either
- 4 to interrupt or to terminate the parent's functioning as a provider
- 5 of maintenance, physical care, or guidance for the child, and the
- 6 known or indefinite duration of the absence precludes counting
- 7 on the parent's performance of the function of planning for the
- 8 present support or care of the child. If these conditions exist, the
- 9 parent may be absent for any reason, and may have left only
- 10 recently or some time previously.